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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH MEDICAID FRAUD

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Ahmed Mohamed Abugroon, 56, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was charged with health care fraud following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Indiana Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Abugroon operated Pacific Transportation, which provided transportation services to Indiana Medicaid patients, and the Information alleges that Abugroon made false and fraudulent representations to the Indiana Medicaid Program in order to secure reimbursements at a higher rate than he was entitled. Specifically, it is alleged that, between January 2005 and February 2008, Abugroon received \$24,869.81 from the Indiana Medicaid Program to which he knew he was not entitled.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicholas E. Surmacz, who is prosecuting the case for the United States, Abugroon faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the Government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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